

NOAA Web Update May 12, 2010

DEEPWATER HORIZON Incident

Situation: Wednesday 12 May – Today, Dr. Jane Lubchenco, Administrator of NOAA, participated in a media briefing on the use of dispersants with EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson, Dave Westerholm, the Director of NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration, and others.

Mary Glackin, Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere; Buck Sutter, Gulf of Mexico Regional Team Lead, National Marine Fisheries Service; and David Kennedy, the acting Assistant Administrator for NOAA's Ocean Service are confirmed to attend three EPA sessions scheduled Wednesday and Thursday in various regions in the Gulf. These meetings are designed to bring together local leaders and community members with federal representatives from NOAA, Department of Interior, Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security and the Coast Guard to discuss meaningful solutions and strategies to work together to address the spill.

Dr. Larry Robinson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere at NOAA and David Kennedy visited the JIC in Robert, Louisiana today and will remain in Louisiana for another day or two.

Oil continues to spread with winds and currents. With the persistent SE winds this week, the oil may pose a threat to Breton Sound and the Mississippi Delta.

Response to Date:

- Total response vessels: more than 517
- Boom deployed: more than 1.5 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Boom available: more than 1.4 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Oily water recovered: approximately 4 million gallons
- Dispersant used: approximately 436,246 gallons
- Dispersant available: approximately 120,00 gallons
- Overall personnel responding: approximately 13,000